

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action dated July 31, 2007, claims 1-8 and 20-23 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Densert et al (US 6,159,171) (Densert) in view of Galiana et al. (US 5,942,954) (Galiana). In particular, the Office Action asserts that although Densert fails to teach or suggest a stabilized head-dependent wearable frame structure configured to control a visual input by at least partially obstructing the subject's normal visual range, Galiana discloses the recited claim limitations that are missing from Densert.

However, the combination of Densert and Galiana clearly fails to disclose:

(1) the "eye-enclosing portion . . . including an integrated visual display device, an image capture device, and a light-emitting structure" recited in amended independent claim 1,

(2) the "vision-obstructing goggle-like portion configured with integrated image-displaying means and light emitting means" and "integrated eye-movement monitoring means" recited in amended independent claim 7, nor

(3) the "visual-input isolating and controlling portion configured to substantially limit the subject's visual input to stimuli controllably displayable to the subject by one or more visual stimulus-providing means included therein" recited in amended independent claim 20.

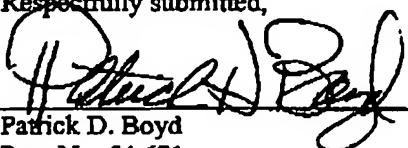
For at least these reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections of claims 1, 7, and 20, as well as claims 2-6, 8, and 21-23, which depend from and include the limitations of claims 1, 7, and 20, respectively, are traversed herein and requests withdrawal of the rejections.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims more clearly patentably distinguish the invention, and therefore requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims without undue delay. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 226-8468 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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